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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

1. FEBRUARY 20 WASHINGTON POST CARRIED UPI INTERVIEW  
(DATELINED NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 19) WITH LAWYER DONOVAN.  
TEXT HAS BEEN SENT POSTS BY USIA.

2. STORY CARRIES THE HEADLINE "AMERICANS REPORTED ILL"  
AND CLAIMS THAT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION OF HARCOS  
AND FLETCHER HAS "SERIOUSLY WORSENERED". ARTICLE IS  
MISLEADING SINCE IT IS BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH DONOVAN  
IN WHICH SHE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THEIR HEALTH AND  
PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION HAD "CONSIDERABLY DETERIORATED"  
SINCE SHE SAW THEM A YEAR AGO. DONOVAN DOES NOT ASSERT  
THAT THERE HAS BEEN ANY RECENT (I.E. POST-HUNGER STRIKE)  
DETERIORATION IN HEALTH.

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF QUESTIONS ON CONDITION OF  
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HARCOS/FLETCHER, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MOST RECENT DATE  
CONSUL O'NEILL VISITED THEM AND WHAT HIS OBSERVATIONS  
WERE ON THEIR HEALTH. KISSINGER

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